

### REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were rejected as being indefinite for failing to receive the structural relationships between the elements recited and generally failing to particularly point out the invention.

Claims 1 and 11 were rejected as being unpatentable over Fries in view of Constantin.

It is noted that none of the other claims have been rejected on art so that presumably, the depending claims are drawn to allowable subject matter provided that the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner are corrected.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 has been extensively amended to correct the technical deficiencies properly pointed out by the Examiner, other deficiencies identified by the undersigned, and incorporating limitations appearing in a number of depending claims. The language added in claim 1, par. d) regarding the alternate sampling of the known sample material and the environmental material to be sampled is taken from page 10, two bottom lines, of the specification.

Claims 2, 8, 18 and 20 have been canceled.

The remaining depending claims have all been reviewed and amended where appropriate to make any corrections which are indicated.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims remaining are drawn to patentable subject matter and should be allowed.

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A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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